

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas Sept 17th 1883

Gov W A Taylor mayor Presiding

You all present aldermen Metz Kinney
Lawrence Schubert Blaneckische Huppertz Sned
Blatt and Wilson absent alderman Dixie

A fine of one dollar was entered against
alderman Dixie for non attendance at the
meeting

Minutes of Sept 3 1883 read and approved

A proposition was received from the
Austin Gaslight and Coal Company to light
the street lamps at 165 $\frac{1}{2}$ per month for each light

Alderman Sned offered the following
resolution

Whereas the Capital Gaslight Company
failed to complete its gas works by the first
day of September 1883 as specified in its contract
with the City of Austin executed under the
ordinance of said City approved February
17th 1883 whereby said gas company has
forfeited all rights under its said contract
and whereas the City of Austin can now
make a more advantageous contract with
the Austin Gaslight and Coal company
both to the City and the Citizens of said
City for gas supply Therefore Be it Resolved
by the City Council of the City of Austin That
the City of Austin is released from all
obligations assumed and incurred by
said Contract and that said contract so
far as the same created any liability or
obligation on the part of said City to said Capital
Gaslight Company be and the same is hereby
declared null and of no further force and effect.

Alderman Blatt moved that the mayor appoint
a select committee of five alderman and
that the proposition of the gas company and

and the Resolution so referred to their motion adopted. His Honor appointed as the Committee Alderman Park, Ward, Mitz, Finney and Gumpert.

Alderman Park presented a petition from Mrs. A. Deale asking the Council to ~~send~~ refund to her \$15.00 the amount of a fine and costs imposed against her in the Mayor's Court. Petition granted.

Brad Stegging assessor and Collector was granted a further leave of absence of two weeks, from Sept 17th 1863.

A Petition was received from Citizens asking the City Council to extend a six inch water main on Cypress street west from Rio Grand 1040, and erect 2 hydrants theron. Alderman Reed introduced the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that as soon as the Capitol Company shall lodge with the Mayor of said City its obligation to pay said City for two hydrants on the same terms as provided by the Contract between the City and the City Water Company to be paid for the same the City Water Company under the direction of the street committee is hereby directed and ordered to extend a six inch main on Cypress connecting with present main of said water Company on Rio Grand street and running west with said Cypress street 1040 feet and to erect on said main two hydrants at such points as shall be directed by the street committee and Chief of the fire department and said Water Company shall lay said additional main and erect said hydrants with out delay after being so directed by said street committee.

A Petition was received from Citizens of the 8th ward asking the council to have the water Company extend a six inch main from their main on Lydia Street east three

blocks and erect fire hydrants thereon as provided for in the Contract with said company

The following Resolution was offered and adopted

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That as soon as the Central oil Company shall file with the Mayor of said City its obligation to pay said City for two hydrants on the same dome as provided by the Contract between the City and the City Water Company, to be paid for the said the City water Company under the direction of the street committee is hereby directed and ordered to extend a six inch main on Pecan street connecting with the present main of said water Company on Pecan street and running east with said street to the Corporation line and to erect on said main two hydrants at such points as shall be directed by the street Committee and Chief of the Fire Department and that said water Company shall lay said additional mains and erect said two hydrants without delay after being so directed by said street Committee

The following Resolution was read and adopted

Be it Resolved That the City attorney is hereby empowered and authorized to employ Council to assist him in the defense of the City in a suit in the district Court (Krause v. the City) but in no case to pay a greater fee than one hundred dollars.

Alderman Kinney introduced an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$7,794 to pay approved accounts to what amount the ordinance was read second and third times under suspension of the rules and passed by the following vote years Alderman Matz Kinney Lawrence Schubert Hammelkoch Huppertz and Park and Wilson

The street Committee were granted further time to report on petitions referred to them

Alderman Lawrence moved that the Fire Committee and the Chief of the Fire Department be authorized to sell Hose hook and Ladder Truck motion adopted

Alderman Lawrence moved that the matter of erecting a building or shed for the protection of the reservoir hose and Cart be referred to the Fire Committee and the Chief of the Fire department motion adopted

The Cemetery committee were requested to confer with the City water Company in regard to the kind of stopcocks that should be used on Water hydrants in the City Cemetery and report at the next meeting

Alderman Kinney offered the following resolution which was adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Mr Riley for the purchase of twenty acres of land adjacent to the City Cemetery on the basis of paying him one half of the proceeds of the sale of Burial lots, into which said twenty acres may be divided under the direction of the City Council

On recommendation of Alderman Platt the Mayor appointed C. F Brown as a special Police officer an motion the nomination was confirmed by acclamation

A petition was received from G W Erwin asking the Council to protect him in his rights in regard for water for street sprinkling purposes.

Alderman Kinney moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three and that the petition be referred to them motion adopted

His Honor appointed as the Committee Aldermen Kinney Ward and Lawrence

The following vita message was received from his honor the Mayor

Austin Sept 17 1883

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Austin
Gentlemen

I have the honor to return
herewith an ordinance prescribing the duties
of the City Engineer without my approval

while there might be a reason for a portion
of it becoming a law I certainly do not think
the Council intend to pass an ordinance inquiring
into or regulating the private business of the
City Engineer

I think upon fuller investigation
the Council will agree with me that the ordinance
should not become a law

Very Respectfully
W A Baylor
Mayor

On motion of alderman Reed consideration
of the veto of the mayor was postponed

The following message was received
from his honor the mayor in regard to
the condition of the streets in the City

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To the Honorable City Council of the City of Austin
Gentlemen

I respectfully call your attention
to the subject of the condition of the streets and
bridges of the City a careful examination
of them will convince your honorable body
that something must be done immediately to
repair and place them in a passable condition
I respectfully call your attention to the report
of the City engineer upon the subject and
to urge upon you the importance of placing
sufficient power in the hands of the Street
Committee and City Engineer to remedy the evil
so justly complained of by the citizens. The
late rains have made some of the streets
almost if not entirely impassable. The street
north of the temporary Capitol stands in mud
and water and is a disgrace to the City. I
respectfully urge that you take steps to immediately
grade it and for these purposes recommend

an appropriation of not less than \$1000.

Very Respectfully

W H Taylor

Mayor

Alderman Pfannkueh introduced an ordinance appropriating \$100 for improvements on the street in the fifth ward. The ordinance was read first time.

On motion the Council adjourned

J G Purcell

City Clerk